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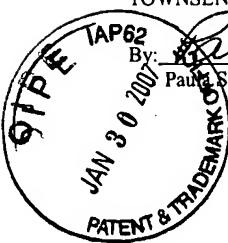
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In re application of:

Yuichi YAGAWA

Application No.: 10/630,595

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For: DATABASE QUERY
OPERATIONS USING STORAGE
NETWORKS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1653

Examiner: Mahesh H. Dwivedi

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.